



LEXINGTON
Social Services

EXTENDED SOCIAL RESOURCE Grant Program

Informational Workshop

Thursday, February 20 @ 4:00 pm
Lexington Senior Center
195 Life Lane

Representatives of local 501(c)3 non-profit organizations & community service agencies are encouraged to attend. The workshop will serve as an orientation to the program guidelines for the upcoming grant proposal cycle.

ESR Grant funding supports programs & initiatives focusing on community-based priority areas.

For additional information, please contact
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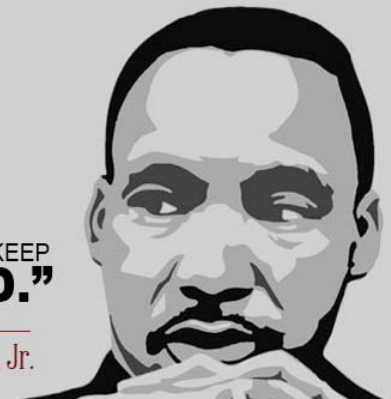
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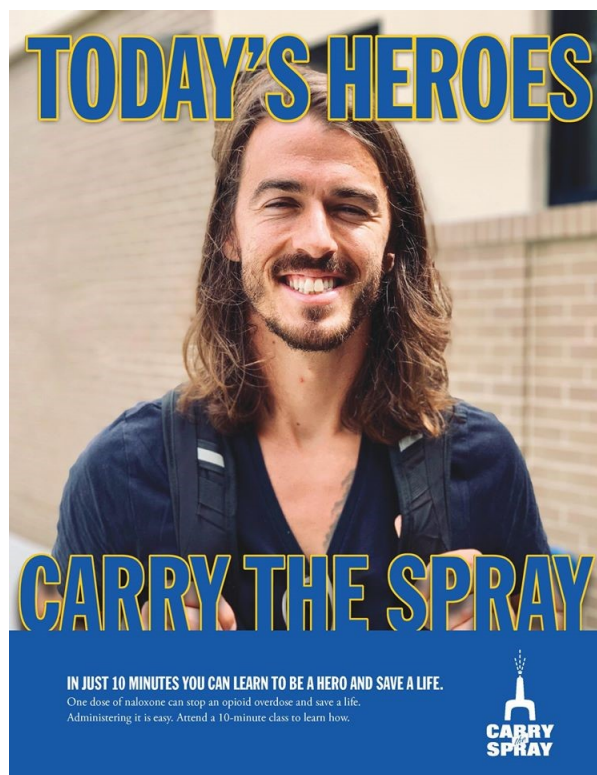
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Chris Ford, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

**"IF YOU CAN'T FLY
THEN RUN,
IF YOU CAN'T RUN
THEN WALK,
IF YOU CAN'T WALK
THEN CRAWL,
BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP
MOVING FORWARD."**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

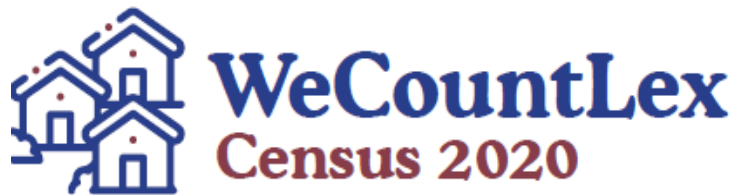




In partnership with the Lexington Fayette County Health Department, our Substance Abuse Intervention program is leading community engagement efforts to combat opioid overdoses. In the first 6 months of the grant – funded initiative, we’ve distributed more than 1,900 Naloxone kits to local residents who’ve been trained on how to stop an overdose. If you’re interested in learning more about Naloxone and overdose prevention, please contact Amy Baker, Substance Abuse Intervention Coordinator, at abaker@lexingtonky.gov or (859) 258-3834.



Pictured clockwise from the top: Mayor Linda Gorton; youth program leader Josh Nadzam; Commissioner Chris Ford; community activist and hip – hop artist Devine Carama.



**You can help us ensure that
EVERY member of EACH household
in Lexington is counted.**



REPRESENTATION

Census data determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as districts for state and local government.



FUNDING

Census data guides federal spending allocation of nearly \$590 billion to local communities every year — \$2021 per person in KY
(source: GWIPP, Counting for Dollars)



PLANNING

Census data helps plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and emergency services to best serve changing populations.



BUSINESS

Census data assists business in locating factories and stores, recruiting employees, and conducting market research.

COUNTDOWN TO APRIL 1, 2020

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the Decennial Census counts every person, one time, and in the correct place.

Full participation in the upcoming 2020 Census will provide our communities with vital information about who we are and what we need. **It will take all of us coming together to ensure every Lexingtonian counts.**

For the first time, an internet response option will be available for individuals to complete the 2020 Census. The traditional telephone and paper response options will also be available.

Personal information collected by the Census Bureau is confidential, and by law cannot be shared with law enforcement, the courts, immigration, or anyone for 72 years.



Being counted in the Census is safe, quick, and very important to the future of our community and state.

www.WeCountLex.org

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EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUMMER YOUTH JOBS

Lexington Youth Services, in collaboration with *Partners for Youth* and Fayette County Public Schools, is gearing up for an expanded 2020 Summer Youth Job Training Program [SYJTP]. 300 Lexington high school students are projected to participate in this year's program. Through SYJTP, youth will gain work experience, develop interpersonal skills, and explore career interests.

This year, *Partners for Youth* is leading the recruitment effort to attract more local businesses and community – based organizations to serve as worksites. Interested businesses and organizations in Lexington are encouraged to apply. The *Worksite Application* and *Worksite Agreement* forms are now available on the city's webpage at lexingtonky.gov. Also, the SYJTP Worksite Orientation is scheduled for March 25th at 8:30 AM, Phoenix Building, 101 E. Vine Street.

In a pilot partnership with Fayette County Public Schools' College and Career Readiness [CCR] Initiative, SYJTP will identify rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Summer Youth Job Training Program runs for 6 weeks, beginning June 8th through July 17th. Youth workers will work part – time, up to a maximum of 20 hours per week, and will earn \$10.10 per hour. Youth worker applications will be available in early February at each of the 6 public high schools; the deadline for students to apply is February 28th.

Summer Youth Job Training Program is a public – private partnership. All of youth workers' wages and employment – related costs are paid directly by the city government.

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DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY KICK-OFF

Come join us for a night of collaboration and education as you lend your voice to what will make Lexington truly Dementia Friendly!

Lexington Senior Center
195 Life Lane
Thursday, January 30
6:30 – 8:30 PM

What is Dementia Friendly America/Lexington?

A national network of communities, organizations, and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in community and engage and thrive in day-to-day living.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CEO ROUNDTABLE

Social Services is proud to support the work of executive leaders at area non – profit organizations. *The Roundtable* is an informal convening of Executive Directors and Chief Executive Officers, designed to share information, foster collaboration and timely discuss pertinent community issues. Social Services will assist in the coordination of roundtable meetings.

The Roundtable meets quarterly, and rotates its locations at host agencies / organizations across the community. Meeting times are 8:00 – 9:30 AM. The 2020 meeting schedule is listed below.

The Roundtable invites non-profit executive leaders to attend. For more information, or to update the roundtable email listserv, please contact Trina Brown at tbrown@lexingtonky.gov or (859) 258-3804.

February 13th
The Plantory
501 W Sixth Street, Ste 250

August 13th
God's Pantry Food Bank
1685 Jaggie Fox Way

May 14th
United Way of the Bluegrass
100 Midland Avenue, Ste 300

November 12th
Living Arts & Science Center
362 N Martin L King Boulevard

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